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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Proposal for Research Project Concerning the Government and Politics of Six Latin American Republics

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE: Memo for Assistant Director, R&E, from Chief, Latin American Branch, same subject, dated 9 December 1946

1. Pursuant to [REDACTED] the enclosed project is forwarded herewith for approval prior to presentation to the Projects Review Committee.

2. The results of this project will be of great value not only to C.I.G., but also to all Government officials dealing with political affairs in Latin America. The lack of authoritative studies of the government and politics of Latin American countries, prepared by natives of those countries with the requisite local background and viewpoint, has been a serious handicap to the interpretation of political trends. The proposed project would fill that gap in reference material in a most effective and economical manner.

3. As stated in paragraph 6 of the enclosure, there are at least four possible methods of conducting the project. Assuming general approval of the project idea, it is proposed that [REDACTED] be designated as Chief Coordinator of the Project and that he be authorized to inquire into the several alternatives suggested with a view to recommending to the Project Review Committee the method which seems best adapted to exploitation. The Planning Staff of ORE will be available to assist him in furtherance of the inquiry.

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